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Alberta Cancer Foundation Chairman's Report

During the last two years the Alberta Cancer Foundation has become an effective vehicle for Albertans who wish to contribute to the well-being of cancer patients and support cancer research. The people of this province have been generous, contributing half a million dollars. We are finding people are anxious to give when they know what will happen to the money.

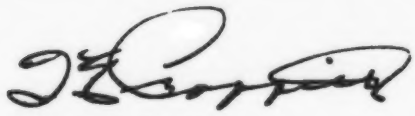
The majority of the 1986-87 contributions came from people who were grateful for the quality care at the cancer clinics.

The Foundation has three responsibilities: accepting and managing funds, allocating them fairly to the clinics, and raising funds for major capital expenditures. This year the Trustees concentrated upon refining policies and allocation procedures. We are now confident people at all levels of the Cancer Board organization have an opportunity to apply for funds as they see special needs arise and we have a system to ensure judicious allocation of funds.

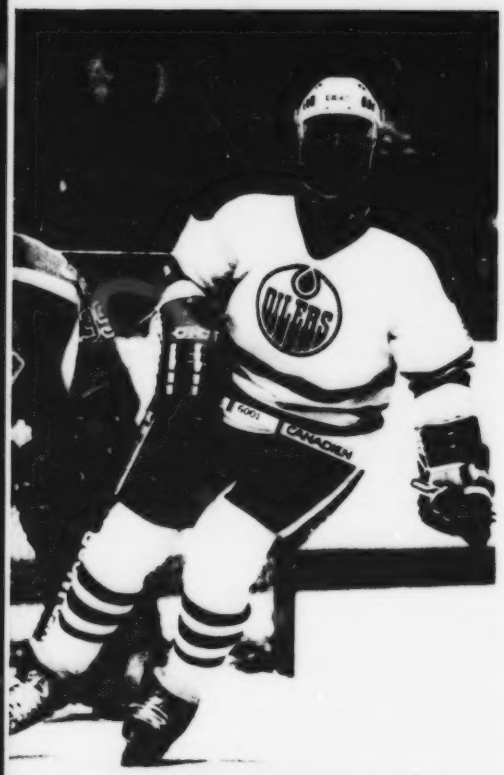
As this report indicates, funds were thoughtfully distributed to support a variety of activities in research, education, medical care, and patient comfort. We are excited about major programs like the Glenn Anderson Ackland's Fund, and we are equally appreciative for the hundreds of smaller donations from individuals.

Now that the administration and the policies are firmly established, the Board anticipates the Foundation's fund raising activities will grow significantly. Planning has begun for a major fund raising campaign to finance a cancer research floor in the new Heritage Medical Research Building in Calgary. This is an exciting project and I am sure that we can count on the participation of many of you to make this venture a success.

I speak on behalf of all the Trustees of the board, in saying that it has been very rewarding to take something new and watch it unfold, knowing it will help cancer patients a great deal.



Ed Poppitt, Chairman
Alberta Cancer Foundation



He Shoots. He Scores... for Cancer Kids

Glenn Anderson takes the pass, aims, shoots, and scores. It's another goal for the Edmonton Oilers—and another goal for the fight against cancer. Every time Glenn scores a goal, Acklands Ltd. of Alberta donates $1,000 to the Alberta Cancer Foundation. Glenn's talent has raised $87,000, money that pays for improved patient care at the Cross Cancer Institute.

The Anderson/Acklands Fund has provided an examination table, renovations for the outpatient coffee shop, portable drug pumps so patients can return home, and a specially decorated Glenn Anderson room for kids on the oncology ward. A large portion of the funds are committed to laser research.

I wanted to be more explosive in goal production and I wanted to contribute something to the community," explains Glenn. "The public thinks of me as an athlete but an athlete's career is short—especially in hockey—and I'd like people to remember me after I've finished playing. I'd like to be remembered for doing something worthwhile for the community...."

Doug Cummings, group vice-president for the Alberta Division of Acklands, (a national automotive and industrial supply company) shares the sentiment. "It makes us feel good as a company to fund a major charitable project. We wanted to do something meaningful and we're finding it boosts our staff moral to participate." Gasland Oil Ltd. has joined the program and contributes a portion of the $1,000 per goal.

Glenn gives more than his talent: he also gives himself when he visits cancer patients. "Walking in and seeing those kids smile when they see me—I never knew I could have that kind of effect. I have a lot of positive energy that I think rubs off and lightens things up a bit."

Like almost everyone who works with them, Glenn has come to admire cancer patients and staff who, he says, "have to stay there and deal with the situation." He particularly remembers Bryce, a nine year-old who died. "He never gave up and I think of him today as still fighting and hanging in there," says Glenn.

Glenn is doing the same on the hockey rink, giving the game all of his irrepressible energy and when he makes a goal, he does think about the cancer kids. "My level of concentration is higher," he admits, adding with a grin, "there will be lots more money for them this year." Oiler fans know he'll keep that promise.

YEAR

The Alberta Cancer Foundation

In September 1984 the Legislative Assembly established the Alberta Cancer Foundation with an amendment to the Cancer Programs Act. The Foundation is a charitable organization that handles all donations on behalf of the Alberta Cancer Board. It is the private funding agent for the Cross Cancer Institute in Edmonton, the Tom Baker Cancer Centre in Calgary, the Lethbridge Cancer Clinic and the Central Alberta Cancer Centre in Red Deer.

The Alberta Cancer Foundation supports programs, facilities, and research for the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of cancer.

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How does the Foundation work?

The Foundation is the administrative vehicle for receiving donations and dispersing them to support patient care and research activities in the Alberta cancer clinics. Though there have been no funding campaigns during the first two years of operation, the Foundation is designed to actively solicit funds.

The Chief Executive Officer is the Executive Director of the Alberta Cancer Board.

Administrative tasks are carried out by Alberta Cancer Board staff.

The Board of Trustees includes Cancer Board Trustees and representatives from the general community.

Who decides how the money is spent?

If a donor specifies a certain purpose for a donation, the Foundation assures that the donor's wishes are carried out. When no special use is specified, the money goes into a general fund to support Alberta Cancer Board programs.

Anybody on the staff of the cancer clinics can submit a request for funds as they see special needs arise. These requests are screened by committees within the clinics and forwarded to the Executive Secretary by the directors of the clinics. In this way, the Foundation meets the needs of patients and staff at the "grass roots level." For example, a physician might request support for a clinical research project or a nurse might request special equipment for patient comfort or education.

How are funds used?

As the following pages indicate, donations support research, education, medical equipment and items for patient comfort. Funds are not used for general operating expenses provided by the Government of Alberta nor do they replace provincial funding. Rather they provide extra support for expanded research, additional educational opportunities, special programs for improved medical care and patient comfort.

How can I give?

The Foundation accepts donations in the form of cash, securities, trusts, real estate or deferred giving plans. All donations may be tax deductible.

For more information contact the Foundation office at:

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6th Floor, 9707 - 110 Street
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Giving for Quality Cancer Care

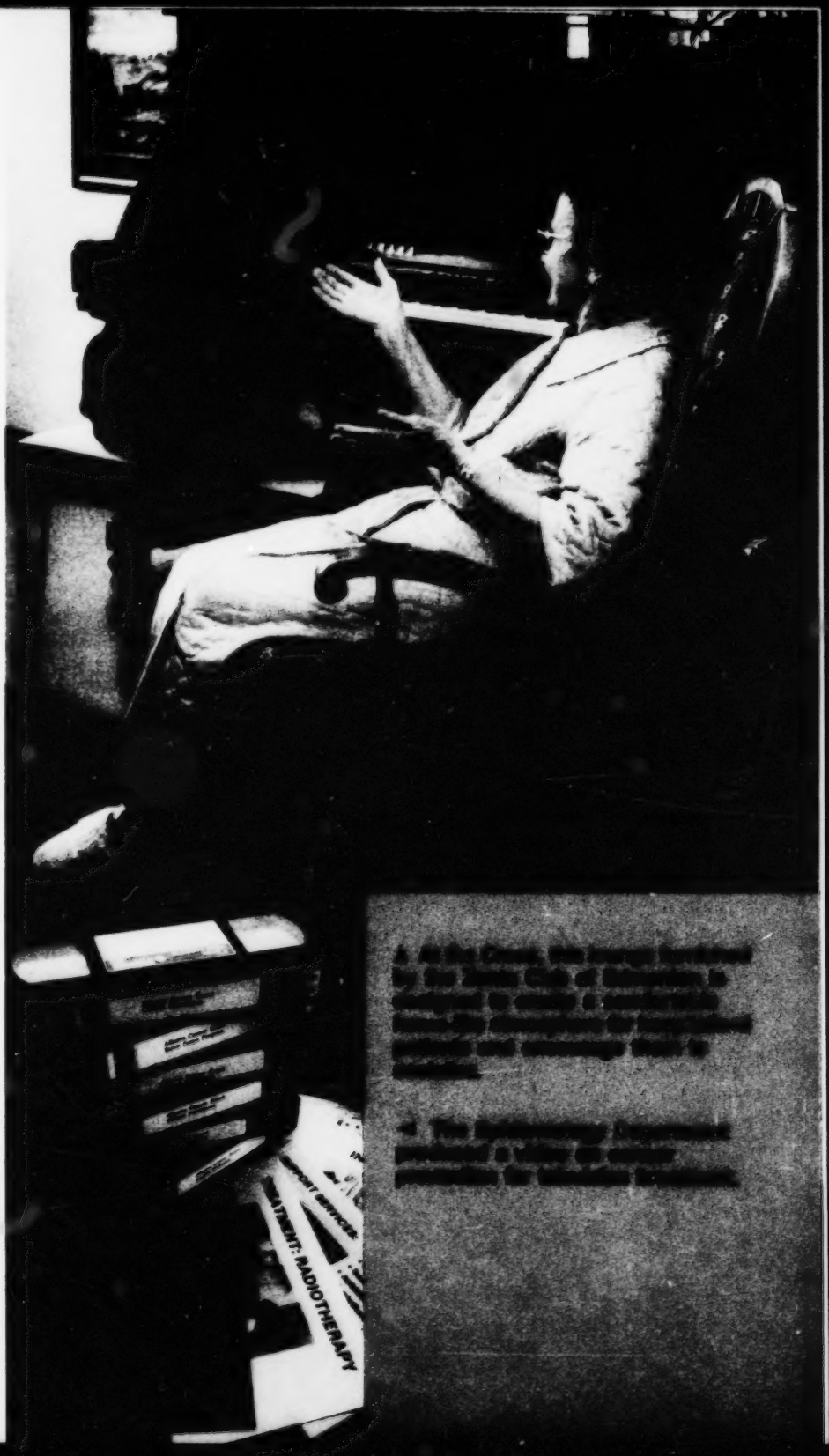
The following is a sample of the facilities and programs funded through donations given to the Alberta Cancer Foundation during 1986-87.

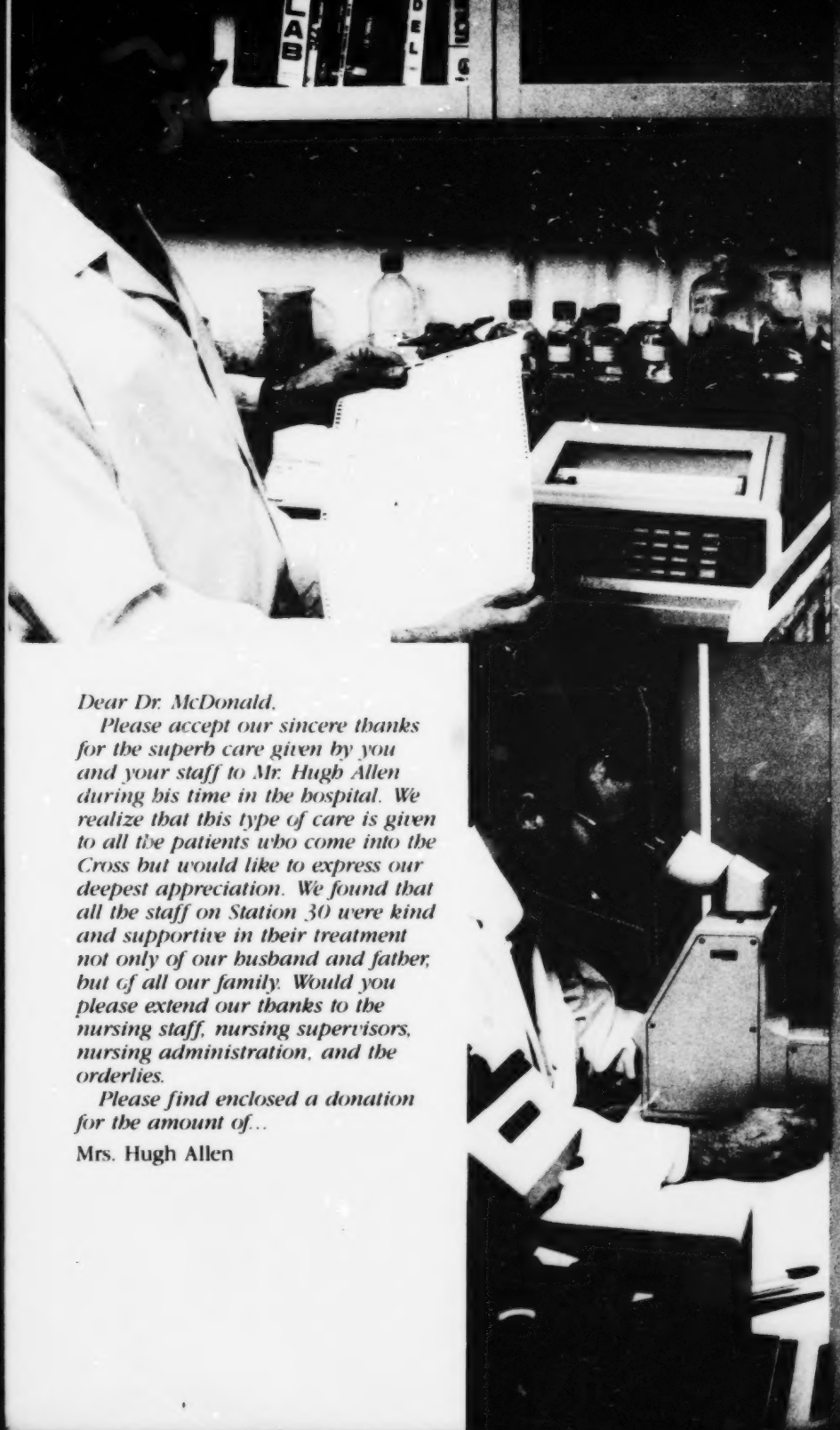
FOR EDUCATION: Visiting lecturers to Alberta, for example the distinguished Dr. Balfour Mount of McGill University gave a seminar on Palliative Care; travel funds for physicians and nurses to attend conferences; pamphlets and video's for patient education, such as a video introducing patients to The Tom Baker Centre; a video on cancer prevention which was repeatedly aired on ACCESS television, and the video "Glenn (Anderson) and His Kids."

FOR RESEARCH: Stipends for research scientists and technicians, summer students and fellows; operating grants for projects on breast cancer, bone marrow transplantation, radiobiology, the molecular biology of tumors, and dietary counselling.

FOR MEDICAL CARE: Renovations in the radiobiology unit, equipment for radiation dosimetry and metabolic imaging, drug infusion pumps for pain control at home, examination tables, palliative care program in Red Deer.

FOR PATIENT COMFORT: Art work, coffee shop renovations, aquarium, specially designed sleep chairs, a patient lounge.





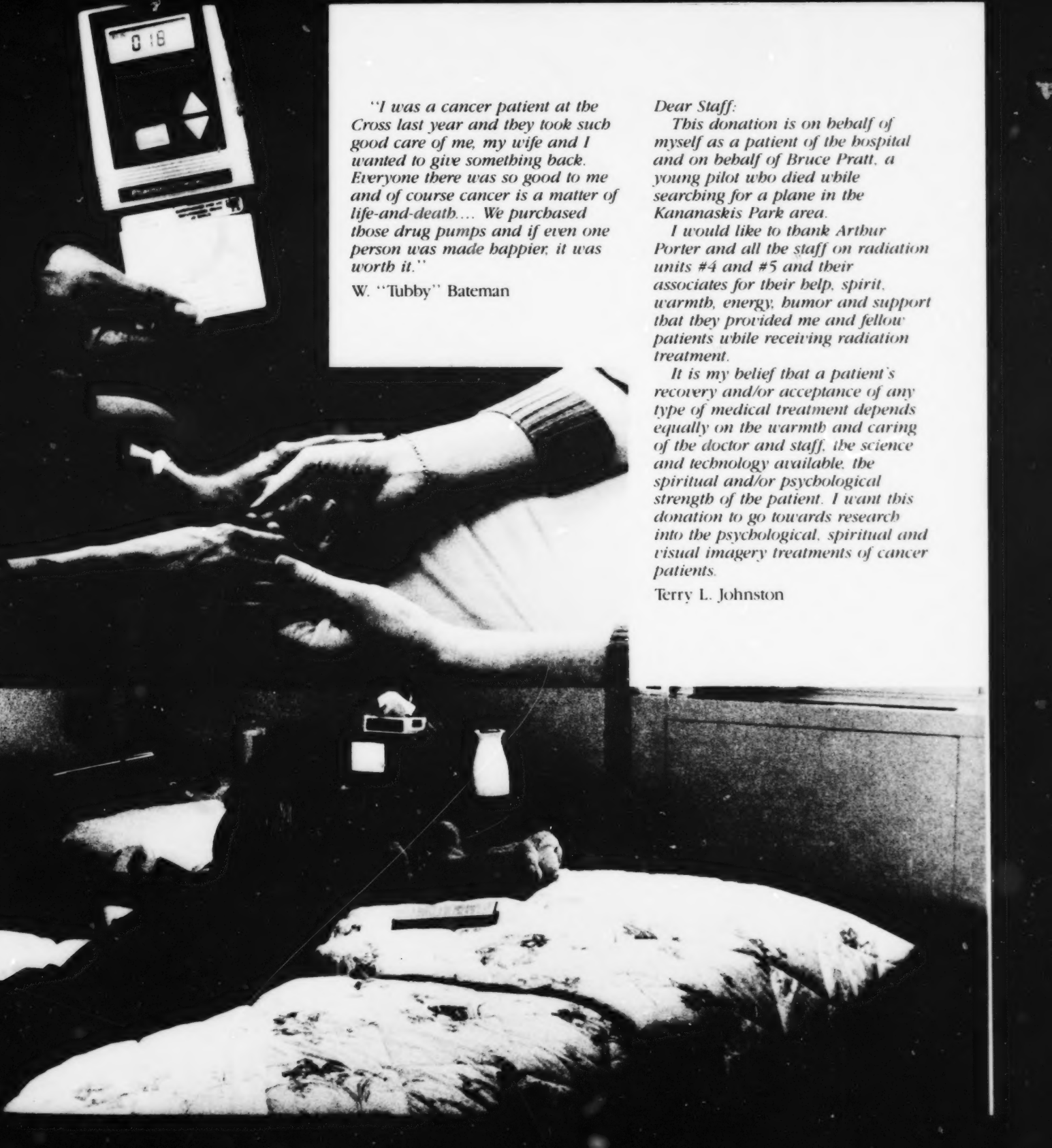
Dear Dr. McDonald,

Please accept our sincere thanks for the superb care given by you and your staff to Mr. Hugh Allen during his time in the hospital. We realize that this type of care is given to all the patients who come into the Cross but would like to express our deepest appreciation. We found that all the staff on Station 30 were kind and supportive in their treatment not only of our husband and father, but of all our family. Would you please extend our thanks to the nursing staff, nursing supervisors, nursing administration, and the orderlies.

Please find enclosed a donation for the amount of...

Mrs. Hugh Allen

Giving...



"I was a cancer patient at the Cross last year and they took such good care of me, my wife and I wanted to give something back. Everyone there was so good to me and of course cancer is a matter of life-and-death.... We purchased those drug pumps and if even one person was made happier, it was worth it."

W. "Tubby" Bateman

Dear Staff:

This donation is on behalf of myself as a patient of the hospital and on behalf of Bruce Pratt, a young pilot who died while searching for a plane in the Kananaskis Park area.

I would like to thank Arthur Porter and all the staff on radiation units #4 and #5 and their associates for their help, spirit, warmth, energy, humor and support that they provided me and fellow patients while receiving radiation treatment.

It is my belief that a patient's recovery and/or acceptance of any type of medical treatment depends equally on the warmth and caring of the doctor and staff, the science and technology available, the spiritual and/or psychological strength of the patient. I want this donation to go towards research into the psychological, spiritual and visual imagery treatments of cancer patients.

Terry L. Johnston

Financial Statistics

Balance Sheet as at March 31, 1987

Assets	
Cash	$ 190,280
Short-term deposits	4,600,000
Research project advances	15,588
Accrued interest	—
Due from the Alberta Cancer Board	—
	$4,805,868
Liabilities and Fund Balances	
Accounts payable	$ 202,752
Other Funds	1,054,085
Trust fund	3,549,031
	$4,805,868

Statement of Operations for the Year Ended March 31, 1987

Revenue:	
Donations	$549,702
Interest	359,483
	$909,185
Expenditures:	
Patient Support	$ 59,185
Education	49,840
Equipment & Renovations	67,820
Palliative Care Chair	125,000
Research Fellows/Students	101,664
Research	131,350
Administration and Publicity	105,203
	$640,062
Surplus for the Year	$269,123

A copy of the complete audited financial statements is available from the Alberta Cancer Foundation.

Thank You, Donors

The Alberta Cancer Foundation acknowledges the following contributors who donated over $1000. Thank you to all Albertans who contributed. Your generosity enhances the quality of cancer care in Alberta.

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